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# JCOTS UPDATE

## VIRGINIA AVIATION BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



# 2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM USED JCOTS 2017 STUDY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS AS ITS BASIS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AVIATION/AEROSPACE GROWTH INITIATIVES

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. **Completed (VSGC)** - Fund seed program for pilot ground school training at high school juniors and seniors.
2. Create an Online Information Portal for Aviation and Aerospace Education and Workforce Development Programs and Events.
3. Expand opportunities for pipelining students into aviation and aerospace studies and careers from 6th grade through college.
  - Expand Virginia Aerospace Scholars Program to include aviation programs.
  - Expand Virginia Aerospace and Aviation Paid internships opportunities throughout the Commonwealth utilizing network of aviation trade association member businesses.
  - Expand BLAST Aerospace emersion program to aviation focused sessions in partnership with Liberty University School of Aeronautics and Avert University Pilot program
4. Work with DOE to facilitate teacher certification to assure properly trained vocational resources are properly available at high school level without requirements for Masters in Education.
5. Improve relationships with DOE to remove classroom perceptions of difficulty for introduction of Aviation/Aerospace STEM and other related curriculum.



# 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Taxation

- Work with stakeholder groups to assure aviation sales & use tax for general & business aviation doesn't adversely impact corporate expansion within the Commonwealth.

## Environment

- Review existing Virginia Stormwater Management Program and associated fees as they apply to Virginia airports to identify solutions to minimize adverse financial impacts the program has in Virginia airports.

## UAS

- Monitor legislation relating to use of the National Air Space

## Economic Development

- Support initiatives that enhance VEDP and locality's ability to attract aviation/aerospace related business to Virginia both inside the fence and to adjacent property.